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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,	In Equity No. C-125-ECF Subfile No. C-125-B and	
WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE, Plaintiff-Intervenor,	JOINT REPORT C	OF MEDIATING
v.		
WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a corporation, et al.,		
Defendants.		

The United States, State of Nevada, State of California, Walker River Paiute Tribe, Walker River Irrigation District, Mono County, California, Lyon County, Nevada, Mineral County, Nevada, and the Walker Lake Working Group (the "Parties") hereby submit the following Joint Report to the Court:

1. Progress in the Mediation Process

As a result of the Walker River Paiute Tribe election in November, 2005, two (2) new persons were elected to the Tribal Council, there is a new Tribal Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, and new counsel for the Tribe is being substituted in these matters. Because of those changes, the new Tribal representatives required a period of time to become familiar with the status of the mediation process, and to decide on the Tribe's continued participation in it. Therefore, the Tribe did not participate in the January 20, 2006, mediation session. Since that time, the other parties to the mediation have engaged in some smaller group meetings.

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The Tribal representatives are continuing their review of the mediation process and its status. A mediation session has been scheduled for April 10 and 11, 2006, for all of the Mediating Parties.

2. Continuation of the Mediation Process

The agenda for the April 10 and 11, 2006, meeting is being developed. At the meeting, the parties expect to reach a decision to continue or discontinue the mediation process, or, alternatively, to continue the mediation process in a modified format. The Parties, either individually or jointly, will file and serve a report to the Court concerning the continuation of the mediation process by no later than April 25, 2006.

3. Holding Activities in Sub-Proceedings C-125-B and C-125-C in Abeyance

The Parties agree that all activity in the C-125-B and C-125-C sub-proceedings should continue to be stayed, with the exception of efforts by the United States, Tribe and Mineral County to complete service, the motions which are the subject of the Court's Minute Order of December 6, 2005, and as otherwise ordered by the Court.

4. Payment of Mediator Fees and Expenses

Until the continuation of the mediation process has been considered and decided upon by the Parties and Court, the Parties have agreed to make and are able to make payments toward the Mediator's fees and expenses as necessary and in accordance with the provisions of the Mediation Process Agreement.

5. Need for Court Hearing

There is no need for a hearing before the Court at this time.

Dated this 7th day of March, 2006.

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